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The Honorable Don Edwards  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 31 March 1986 to the Director of Central Intelligence reiterating your desire to have answered two questions regarding the scope of CIA support to academic researchers through the funding of books or articles. The Director has requested that I respond on his behalf.

We have reviewed the issue of providing the requested information once again in light of the arguments you have presented in your letter of 31 March. While we still believe that the Intelligence Oversight Committees have the primary role to play in overseeing activities involving support to academic researchers, we are prepared to provide you and a member of your staff with a briefing to answer the two questions posed in your 28 January letter regarding the number of books or articles published by academic researchers that have been funded by the Agency, and the number of individuals who have signed research contracts giving the Agency the right to review and bar publication of the contractor's written work. I believe a briefing would be most appropriate given the varied and complex nature of our contractual relationships with academic researchers.

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[redacted] a member of my staff, is available to make arrangements for such a briefing at a mutually convenient time. [redacted] may be contacted by telephone at [redacted]

Sincerely,

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[redacted]  
David D. Gries  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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